## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

April Thompson	CASE NO: 4:16-cv-2745
Plaintiff,	JUDGE:
v.	
Nationwide Debt Management Solutions, LLC, et al.	
Defendants.	
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## JOINT NOTICE OF REMOVAL

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441, and 1446, Defendants Nationwide Debt Management Solutions, LLC & Eric Medrano, by counsel, hereby remove the above-captioned action from the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas to the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio on the following grounds:

- 1. Plaintiff April Thompson ("Thompson") filed this action in the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 16-cv-2648, on October 3, 2016.
- 2. Thompson's Complaint (attached hereto as Exhibit A) alleges a claim under the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692 et. seq.
- 3. On October 11, 2016, a copy of the Summons and Complaint was served on Defendants (summons attached hereto as Exhibit B). Therefore, this removal is timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), having been made and filed within thirty days of receipt by Defendants of a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief

upon which jurisdiction is based.

- 4. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio has federal question jurisdiction over this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the Complaint is based on alleged violations of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. 1692.
- 5. Defendants do not consent to personal jurisdiction. Defendants do not waive the defense of lack of personal jurisdiction. Defendants reserve the right to raise lack of personal jurisdiction in a motion or pleading.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a copy of this Notice will be transmitted to the Clerk of the Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing has been served by electronic mail on November 10, 2016, to the following:

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